Cal State officials call for student fee increase

Terence Chea
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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — California State University officials said Tuesday they will ask its Board of Trustees to approve a 10-percent increase in student fees to help offset state budget cuts to the 23-campus system.

Annual systemwide fees would rise to $3,354 for undergraduates, $3,894 for students in teacher credential programs and $4,155 in annual fees in 2009-10 — far less than at comparable universities nationwide, officials said.

The fee hike is expected to generate an additional $127 million in revenue, though about one-third would be set aside for student financial aid.

Adding fees charged at individual campuses, CSU undergraduates on average would pay $4,155 in annual fees in 2009-10 — far less than at comparable universities nationwide, officials said.

The fee increase would be largely offset by expanded state and federal aid to college students, officials said. More than half of CSU students will receive some form of financial aid, and most of those students will not pay any fees.

"We have a very strong financial aid program in place," said Assistant Vice Chancellor Robert Turner. "We strive to do everything we can to maintain affordability."
United States no longer advising schools close for swine flu cases

Students head back to school Tuesday morning at Rocori Middle School in Cold Spring, Minn., after the school closed last week due to a case of the swine flu.

Mike Stobbe

ATLANTA (AP) — U.S. health officials are no longer recommending that schools close if students come down with swine flu, the government said Tuesday.

Last week, schools were advised to shut down for about two weeks if there were suspected cases of swine flu. Hundreds of schools around the country have followed the government's guidance and closed schools, giving students an unexpected vacation and leaving parents scrambling for child care.

"We no longer feel that school closure is warranted," said Dr. Richard Besser, acting director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said the swine flu virus had turned out to be milder than feared and the government decided to change its advice. So far, the virus has not proved to be more infectious or deadly than the seasonal flu.

The CDC said parents should still make sure to keep sick children with flu-like symptoms at home for seven days.

As the threat seemed to diminish, health officials also reconsidered the problems the closings were creating for parents, Besser said. Officials were hearing about children getting dropped off at libraries, or parents who couldn't take sick leave to care for their children.

"The downsides of school closure start to outweigh the benefits," Besser said.

The change in guidance was made in consultation with the White House and other officials, Besser and others said.

An estimated 726 public and nonpublic schools were closed Tuesday for flu-related reasons, in 24 states and the District of Columbia, according to the Education Department. In total, these schools enroll approximately 400,000 students on a typical day. (There are more than 100,000 schools in the U.S., with about 55 million students.)

The number of confirmed swine flu cases in the United States is now over 400, with hundreds more probable cases. The CDC knows of 35 swine flu-related hospitalizations and one death, a Mexican toddler who died in Texas.

Nearly 90% of every three cases are under the age of 18, CDC officials said.

Local school officials still have the ultimate say in whether to close or not, CDC officials noted.

In the new guidance, the CDC recommends that when children or school staff are sick, they stay home. Those who do go to school should practice good hygiene — like coughing into their sleeve or shoulder instead of their hands or the air, and washing their hands well and often.

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WORD ON THE STREET

"Do you have any qualms with the Cal Poly waitlist process?"

"Not lately. I've been here for five years and it has actually improved."
-Scott Chapman, computer engineering senior

"I've run into classes that have a waitlist but I always just give up on trying to get into them."
-Michelle Cristobal, political science senior

"Teachers completely disregard the order of the waitlist."
-Jimmy Cavanaugh, business junior

Mexican dominance irks other Latinos

Manuel Valdes
ASSOCIATED PRESS

With mariachis, tequila and pa­rades, Cinco De Mayo will be cel­ebrated this week in parties across the nation, kicking off a commemo­ration of Mexican heritage in the United States as a pseudo-holiday that has been adopted by the general population.

But for Dagoberto Reyes, a Sal­vadorian immigrant living in Los Angeles, May 5 is more a reminder of the dominance Mexican culture has in a country that is home to im­migrants from many Latin American countries. His prime example: Los Angeles-area public schools.

"Our kids go to this school sys­tem, and the school system is more preoccupied with Mexico's history, and not the rest of Latin America's, much less El Salvador's," said Reyes, director of Casa de la Cultura, a Salvadorean community center. "They came back celebrating Cinco De Mayo. That holiday means nothing to us."

It's a popular misconception that Cinco de Mayo is Mexico's Independence Day. The date actually cele­brates the 1862 Battle of Puebla, in which Mexican forces stopped an in­vading French army. It's a date barely celebrated in Mexico and not in any other Latin American country.

Mexican-born immigrants make up the largest group of foreign-born Latin Americans at almost 11 mil­lion, a number that nears the total of immigrants from all other Latin American countries, according to U.S. Census Bureau data. As a re­sult, Mexican culture has been the dominant Latino force in the United States, often leaving other Latinos to adapt or resent.

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The Cal Poly chapter of the California Faculty Association (CFA) is seeking nominations from students, faculty and staff for the "Distinguished Lecturer Awards." The awards are given annually to Cal Poly lecturers from any department or program.

Criteria: teaching excellence is the primary criterion, but if the nominee has engaged in professional development activities and service as well, these items should be mentioned.

Please provide specific examples that support your nomination and include the name of the nominee and department as well as your name and department and contact information.

Nomination Deadline: May 15, 2009
To nominate someone send your nomination through campus mail to:
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Building 38-141
or email to
dpippin@calpoly.edu

Award winners will receive $500.00 and a plaque. These awards will be presented at the CFA and of the year barbecue to be held at Cuesta Park during finals week.

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Alternative Breaks encourages student volunteerism

Lauren Rabino
Sunday Staff

Four years after Hurricane Katrina, red signs still mark the doors of destroyed homes in the 9th Ward, tallying the number of deceased people and pets who once lived within.

"It was creepy. A little eerie to see," said business junior Lauren Clark, who traveled to New Orleans with 14 other students to do volunteer work in March.

"When I told people about the trip, people would tell me 'Aren't you going a little late?'" Clark said. "But, no, there's a lot to be done!"

The New Orleans trip is just one of many to come for Cal Poly Alternative Breaks — a new program that helps students plan trips domestically and abroad to volunteer in underprivileged communities between quarters.

Alternative Breaks started two years ago when the first group of students decided to travel to New Orleans through Student Life and Leadership. After rising interest in the program, the organization successfully made the two trips to New Orleans, one to Jamaica and is planning an upcoming trip to Oaxaca, Mexico.

"The mission of alternative breaks is to provide students the opportunity to reflect on positions of privilege," said parks, tourism and recreation administration junior Jody Weseman. "She has been the Alternative Breaks coordinator since fall 2008.

Before coming to Cal Poly, 29-year-old Weseman worked for the California Conservation Corps and did volunteer work around the country.

A dilapidated house on a street in New Orleans is a reminder of Hurricane Katrina, four years later.

Working in the forest and park service meant working in the woods, helping the greater good, the greater global community," she said. "For me, it's not a question, it's just something I've always done."

Weseman said travel and immersion in another culture is one of the most life-changing experiences one can have.

"You can study all you want about all the cultures, but until you're out of your comfort zone, eating their foods, sleeping in their beds, breathing their air, there's no way to get that perspective," she said.

A week in New Orleans

This past spring break, Cal Poly students traveled again to New Orleans where the group tided children at an elementary school, served food at a church and helped paint homes.

Getting the trip as a perfect mixture of volunteering and touring the city where the group was immersed in the culture of New Orleans.

From witnessing the death-tailed doors to the painted doors. One 10-year-old man

"It's structured, but not so that you don't have freedom," Weseman said during the information session.

The future of the program

Although Alternative Breaks is widely unknown, Weseman said that based on her feedback from the New Orleans trip, the program has huge potential.

Of the 15 students who attended the New Orleans trip, eight are now working as volunteers in the program to help other students have the same opportunity.

"From the New Orleans trip, the 15 of us really made a difference," liberal studies senior Amanda Jeffers said. "We were just kind of pumped up about getting the word out and doing more!"

The volunteers are writing marketing plans, promoting the trip to Spanish classes, developing a logo and writing grant proposals. If popularity for the program continues, Weseman said it'd be like to see another coordinator hired so two groups of 15 students could attend. Although the coordinators have planned all trips so far, the eventual goal is for trips to be planned around students' needs.

"We want alternative breaks to be a place for students to go when they have a passion to go somewhere and do a service," Weseman said.

For example, if a student wanted to do a senior project based around volunteer work abroad, he or she could use Alternative Breaks as a medium for advancing that trip.

"You can learn by reading, you can know by doing, but you don't really have a full understanding until you've lived it," Weseman said. "It's just really powerful to be selfless for at least one week of your life."
Manchester Orchestra will mean everything to fans

Justin Jacobs
THE PUT NEWS (u. PinSHLJk(iM)

When Manchester Orchestra's "I'm Like a Virgin Losing a Child" came out in 2006, both fans and critics weren't exactly sure what to make of it. The record was certainly ambitious — hell, just look at the title — but the songs weren't quite so epic to back up front man (then teenage boy) Andy Hull's philosophical meanderings. Let alone that I once played the record for a friend who subsequently asked if it was the new Saves the Day.

But fast forward three years, thousands of tour miles and a generous helping of musical development, and Manchester Orchestra have returned with "Mean Everything to Nothing," a record that feels fully cooked on all fronts. And it tastes, or rather, sounds, stunning.

The band's centerpiece has always been Hull's emotive (read: vast understatement) vocals, varying from a near-whisper to some serious throat-shredding, all tied together by the notion that the dude really, truly means it. And that doesn't change on Mean Everything to Nothing — if anything, Hull is even further out front to the benefit of the band. The 22-year-old bearded Southerner is a hell of a front man from both the performance and lyrical standpoint.

His voice has a distinct Brock-ian quality in both its variance and its almost mysterious beauty, but where Brock seems to know his own over-the-topness, Hull's bleeding-heart and often bleeding-palm (religious imagery abound) sincerity makes the music that much more affecting.

The songs on Nothing rock like more complex and layered "Finkerton"-era Weezer tunes with significantly more emphasis on faith see Manchester, page 7
In the midst of election mania, the Cal Poly Spring Craft Fair took over UU Plaza Tuesday. The three-day event will run through today and features student craft and art work. The sale is open to students and community members. Participants sell their work as a part of the fair, put on by the ASI Craft Club every year. Some students hope to make a personal profit, while others plan to donate any money they earn. Samples of their work include (from top left) jewelry, bags, shirts, vases and clothing.
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and lose that sex and paranoia. But
that comparison alone would rob the
record of much of its aural depth —
throw in some early My Morning
record starts to take shape.

disclosures.

the living crap out of the supernatural.
Oh yeah, he is also prophesized to be the
harbinger of the apocalypse, but
he's not really into that sort of thing.

It's no surprise that fellow comic
book illustrators and writers are jeal-
os of Mignola's wonderful achieve-
ment and even wanted a bit of Hell-
boy for themselves. Well, that's where
"Hellboy: Weird Tales" comes in. A
collection of the industries' best art-
ists and writers collaborating on an
eight-issue series full of Hellboy short
stories.

It may be, at first glance, a bit
strange to see such different renditions
of Hellboy in all of these comics. But
after a while, you begin to appreciate
the range these authors and writers
bring to an already well-established
character.

I mean, you can't find many other
examples of Eric Powell, creator of
The Goon, writing a story of a Hell-
boy when he was a little kid, living
on a military base, eating hot dogs,
pretending to be a cowboy and hav-
ing his dog Mac turn into a strange
mutant thing after eating some alien
goos, Priceless.

The title, "Weird Tales" in fact re-
fers to the 1920s pulp magazine that
ushered in the great fiction writing
of H.P. Lovecraft, Robert E. Howard
and Ray Bradbury. As Mignola will
willingly admit, he has been greatly
influenced in his creation of Hellboy
by the wonderful pulp fiction from
Weird Tales, and this series is a tribute
to that.

You know, I don't feel I need to
 convince you to pick up this awesome
series, in two volumes. If you aren't
already enthralled, then you might want
to see a doctor or something, because
there has to be something wrong with
you.

Jon Monteith is a history senior and

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Alvarez most enthusiastic and qualified candidate

I'm writing in support of ASI presidential candidate Jacob Alvarez. I am a member of Cal Poly College Republicans, the ASI University Union Advisory Board, and I have had the pleasure of working with Jacob directly in student government for the entire 2008-2009 school year. His enthusiasm in his work as Student Development Secretary on the ASI President’s Executive Cabinet is one way he demonstrates his passion for serving the students. He has spear-headed the CLA Career Fair and played a substantial role in Voter Registration Campaign and the AIDS Walk. Not only is he a selfless and devoted giver, he is always willing to advocate on students behalf. Over the past few months, he has directly lobbied with legislators in Sacramento on behalf of higher education with Blakeslee. In conjunction with lobbying, he serves on the College Based Fee Committee for his respective department, psychology, and is also on the Cal Poly Strategic Planning Committee. He is a student- leader, person, filled with enthusiasm, with hopes to make Cal Poly a more inclusive and collaborative University. His campaign motto describes him perfectly, “Your Cal Poly. Your ASI.”

Alvarez has talent and skill to lead Cal Poly

As a member of the ASI Student Government, I know how important these elections are, something that I did not completely understand until this year. By putting on particular events, managing your money, representing Cal Poly within San Luis Obispo and the state, and various other activities, you who vote for Wednesday and Thursday does make a substantial difference.

Though I cannot predict how things would have turned out differently, I have been able to see how Angela Kramer has changed this campus for the better. For brevity, I will focus on the facts ASI has on our immediate community. As the ASI Secretary of Community Relations, I have been building relationships with various local office holders and community leaders to gauge how students and non-university community members interact and how we can strengthen these relationships. Without Angela’s positive standing in the community, as well as her forwardness and ability to work through problems that inevitably arise, my job would have been nearly impossible.

Seeing this importance I am endorsing Jacob Alvarez for ASI President. I have been able to work closely with Jacob the last year and have been impressed with his work ethic and interpersonal skills, attributes that are paramount to the position. Though I am sure Cal Poly will be in good hands with any of the candidates, Jacob Alvarez has the talent and skill that I know first hand will be an asset to Cal Poly.

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The Mustang Daily

endorse nobody this year

A though the Mustang Daily has endorsed a candidate for ASI president in past years, we will not be doing so this year. An endorsement is a sought-after stamp of approval and a significant statement to make regarding someone’s qualifications—which is exactly why we choose to endorse nobody this year.

McElroy, Kelly Griggs and Jacob Alvarez would each bring their respective qualifications and ideas to the position, and would each be assets to ASI and the student body—but simply put, nobody shines enough for us. We can’t endorse anyone this year because no candidate is clearly worthy of an endorsement. It’s hard to even pick out distinct platforms amongst the three. Both Alvarez and Griggs all have commendable goals for improved student-administration communication, greater transparency of ASI processes and campus sustainability and diversity ideas. All three have addressed some budgetary and student fee concerns. Yet nobody in particular sets himself or herself apart from the other two.

Before we would endorse, we wanted to know exactly what this new leader would bring to the student body. What we found was that although each candidate brings ideas to the table, none of them presented long-term, actionable plans to bring those ideas to fruition.

McElroy has fresh and innovative ideas but a lack of experience. His 10-platform plan is full of initiatives designed to improve student experience and he’s emphasized the need for greater transparency within student government. Specifically, he’s said that he’d like to utilize the Web to make more information such as the ASI budget, readily available to students online. While these are good ideas, they still don’t add up to a complete and solid platform. McElroy’s lack of leadership experience is cause for concern as the university faces daunting new challenges. The ideas are there, but he fails to paint the big picture.

Griggs is running her platform based on the idea that, if elected, she would have no personal agenda. She sees the job of ASI president as a mere conduit between students and administration, and while this is a noble idea in theory, in practice a president must have clear and actionable goals for her tenure. Griggs does promise to pursue registration reforms if elected. However, the ASI’s main plan of how to implement the changes she’s pushing for, including better class availability and a clearer registration process. Her background in student government is admirable, but she gives no clear path to the change she promises and relies heavily on the ‘no agenda’ motto.

Alvarez’s commitment to budgetary transparency is encouraging, especially during a time in which Cal Poly students are more concerned than ever about where each dollar of their tuition money is going. However, most of his ideas seem more like quick fixes than long-term solutions. And he gives no realistic outline for his larger ideas; giving registration priority to graduating seniors sounds great, but how will it be achieved? Like Griggs, he too has previous student government experience, which while an asset, doesn’t supplement the lack of actionable goals.

We encourage you, if you have not yet done so, to review the campaign coverage so far (conveniently located in one place on our Web site: www.mustangdaily.net/hot-topics/asi-elections) and to make your own informed conclusions. But this year we simply can’t tell you who you do vote for. And since this is an instant runoff election, choose your second choice wisely, without a clear frontrunner, this vote could come down to who has the most second place votes.

This year, instead of outlining their platforms in detail during the campaign process, the candidates relied too much on campaign buzzwords like ‘diversity’ and ‘sustainability’ to do their talking. They’re too much alike to differentiate between them. Neither Alvarez nor Griggs have good ideas, nobody stands out as a leader with the ability to follow through, certainly not enough to warrant a staff endorsement. Maybe next year ASI elections will feature someone with a little less rhetoric and a little more sparkle.
The ‘War on Drugs’: the fight against a victimless crime

A recent article in The Economist pointed out the rather disturbing statistic that while the U.S. houses a mere 5 percent of the world’s population, it incarcerates roughly 25 percent of the world’s prison population. Unfortunately, the fastest growing segment of the prison population, convicted drug users, is jailed not on the grounds of having committed acts of violence against their peers, but for being guilty of a “crime” committed against themselves, namely, using drugs.

Few would disagree that people must be punished (by the state or otherwise) for certain abuses against their neighbor. It is an obvious point, well-established by both time and experience, that there must be appropriate discouragements in place against such abuses or else the rewards of violence and predation might appear too sweet and tempting to the unscrupulous and the powerful. Even if it’s not a self-evident point, it’s a critical argument that must be realized before the possibility of any functioning, peaceable society has any enduring validity.

But just because people have commonly agreed amongst themselves that certain instruments of deterrence ought to be in place to reduce the occurrence of crimes like murder, theft, and rape, it is not also clear that people have reached such a consensus when it comes to crimes that an individual commits against himself.

Yet this is the major and underlying justification for the “War on Drugs,” that colossal campaign exhausting billions upon billions from the taxpayers’ treasury, which is being waged with full and fearful martial aggression against innocent drug users. Our system of justice is one which purports to punish those for having done something wrong. Such a premise obviously presupposes a moralistic foundation which, whether it is popular or not to acknowledge the origins of such justifications, is widely accepted nonetheless. Since the U.S. government arrests far more people for drug offenses than for any other single crime in the U.S., it is safe to assume that the government considers drug use to be a very wrong act indeed (Uniform Crime Reports, Federal Bureau of Investigation). This viewpoint seems to be mainly justified by the potential harm that may result from certain drugs. There even exists a clinical term for the crime “drug abuse.” Of course, not all drugs are in fact harmful to the human body. Many in the medical profession actually insist upon the health benefits of certain illegal drugs. And considering that tobacco happens to be more addictive than most of the other drugs currently in existence and can lead to some rather nasty side effects, the grounds for arguing that certain drugs ought to be prohibited based on their negative health effects is a bit spurious and hollow.

But let us not quibble about the peripheral issue of whether certain drugs are healthy or unhealthy. Let us return to the idea that underlies our justice system, that a criminal should be punished for doing something wrong. In this case, the “crime” (I have space only to speak of drug users themselves) involves simply the individual voluntarily in­jecting, ingesting, or otherwise consuming a substance. Hence, one must ask: can the government justify punishing individuals for such a deed?

Either a man has a right to himself or he does not. If he has such a right, how can it be argued that he does not have a right to abuse himself, or, as in this case, commit an act which the government happens to define as harmful? If we truly allow that a person has a right to himself, let him chop off his limbs and reframe them in more artistic arrangements: if he finds it amusing to do so. Or, if his bravest and best plan for avoiding Monday happens to be hanging himself by light of the morn­ing sun, who is to demand that he does not have such a right? And if he does not have the right to his own life, answer this: who possesses such a right on his behalf?

Surely, taking one’s own life is a tasteless act except under the rarest circumstances, but it is wrong? I do not intend to belabor this question in a philosophical sense which premises a final reckoning with God, but rather in its purest pragmatic form, which is, appropriately, both the realm and the limit of the state. If drug use is sin, let God punish perpetu­ators however severely he wishes. But punishing sins to God’s state. It is not the state. The state must be concerned with the more locally and practically responsible sanctions of punishing crimes. And how can an individual commit a crime against himself?

Does an individual deserve to be punished when there is no accuser? Does it make sense to punish a man for stealing his own wallet?

Is drug use a selfish vice, is it un¬becoming, is it aroenen and crude? So be it. Men are often guilty of committing self-indulgent and base acts. In fact, brief look around you will confirm that the overwhelming majority of humanity devotes the majority of their time to such behaviors. Person­ally, I neither approve nor outlaw d.r.g.s use for myself. But given all the other shameful vices that my fallen nature all too readily succumbs to, I am not about to elevate myself to the lofty and undeserved sta­tus of a God. I may not wish to make this a major priority. Kaiser Permanente must see sense of price involved in decreased cost to the average American (in addition to a number of drawbacks), you are simplifying things to say it is beneficial to the young. It may very well be less costly than private insurance, but the cost will fall disproportionately on the younger generation. Presumably it will be implemented similarly to Social Security. As you may be aware, Ida May Fuller, the first recipient of Social Security paid $23 into the system and received $22,888 over the remainder of her life. End of life healthcare is very expensive and even with strict rationing it will likely remain so. Regarding preventative medicine, there are a number of private healthcare providers already making this major priority. Kaiser Permanente must see some sort of financial incentive (decreased hospitalizations, etc.) in order to justify their ad campaigns telling us to exercise and eat better. There is certainly more work to be done here, but I don’t see where socialized medicine is necessary for a greater emphasis on this.

Jeremy Hicks is a 2008 political science graduate, the founder of the Cal Poly Libertarian Club and a Mustang Daily political columnist.
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Francisco Giants put three runs on the board for him before he threw his first pitch, and Chicago Cubs manager Lou Pinella used a lineup with hardly any proven big league hitters.

"It makes life easier," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said of Bengie Molina’s three-run homer in a 6-2 victory over the Cubs. "We’ve been looking for a big hit and Ben-gie jump-started us there."

The Giants had been averaging only 3.5 runs, worse in the majors, and had failed to score a single run for their last three starting pitchers.

Molina’s shot off Sean Marshall (0-2) instantly provided Iincecum, who allowed two runs on four hits over seven innings, with seven strikeouts and two walks. "I was able to keep them off-balance with the changeup and curveball, kind of pitching backward from what I usually do," said Iincecum, who allowed two runs on four hits over seven innings, with seven strikeouts and two walks. "I was just trying to mix it up and keep them swinging."

Rather than facing the Chicago team that had won its previous four games, Iincecum got to go against a lineup that included six players who were in the minors as recently as late last season.

"We’re in a stretch of 20 straight games without a day off," Pinella said. "You’ve got to rest people."

Cirut And And Atlanta is set to go ahead. Atlanta leads 2-0 after the first leg. The winner of the home-and-away series qualifies for the FIFA Club World Cup in December in United Arab Emirates.

The second leg was to have been played last Wednesday.

Mexico’s professional baseball league will resume Wednesday after suspending all games from May 1-5. It was not immediately clear if the games would be played with fans.

President Felipe Calderon said high schools and universities will reopen Thursday and younger children will return to school May 11. Nightclubs and other events that draw large crowds will remain closed.

In Albuquerque, N.M., high school sports organizers defended a decision to suspend this week's game after a night game included his best hitter as of late, Ryan Theriot, All-Stars Alfonso Soriano and Adam Ranieri, $30 million newcomer Milton Bradley and ’08 NL Rookie of the Year Geovanny Soto.

Among those starting for the Cubs was Bobby Scales, a 31-year-old infielder making his big league debut after spending 11 years in the minors.

Scales, who supplements his income by working as a substitute teacher during the offseason, singled in the fifth inning and later scored on Marshall’s single to cut San Francisco’s lead to 3-2.

"I don’t know how long I’m going to be here, so go ahead and get one mark on the board," said Scales, who went 1-for-4, made a diving play at second base and ended the game by striking out.

"I knew for a fact that I could play here. That never wavered. Whether you get opportunities or not, that’s not up to me. No matter what happens the rest of the way, they can’t take it from me. I got it. I earned it. And I’m just fortunate to have it."

The Giants broke open the game with a three-run eighth that featured Aaron Rowand’s two-run double off reliever Jeff Samardzija.

"That’s what we’ve been missing — that timely hit, especially a double or home run," Bochy said. "We got two of them today against a good bullpen."

Like most San Francisco hitters lately, Molina and Rowand had been struggling. Molina was in a 4-for-23 slump and Rowand had gone hitless in his previous 20 at-bats.

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 events after 16 schools closed amid swine flu concerns. The New Mexico Activities Association cited fairness, emphasizing the move was made to place all schools on equal footing.

District and state championships in baseball, softball track and field, golf and tennis were affected. All events were tentatively rescheduled for the week of May 11.

Baseball

** Jersey Day and Post-game autograph session with the Mustangs. All youth, 12 and under, receive free admission by wearing a jersey to the game and all fans can join the Mustangs following the game to run the bases of Baggett Stadium!**
Mexican soccer remains behind closed doors

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MEXICO CITY — All pro soccer games in Mexico this weekend will again be played without fans because of swine flu. The decision comes even though other parts of the country are returning to normal following a shutdown to contain the virus.

Mexico’s 176 league games — from the first to third division — were shuttered last weekend and three games around the capital were closed to fans the week before.

The Mexican soccer federation said Tuesday the games would remain closed because the government had not lifted all preventive measures.

“The decision was made in full awareness of the emergency health situation that confronts the country,” the federation said in a statement.

Regular-season play ends this weekend, and officials have not announced postseason plans.

Two Mexican soccer teams in the round of 16 of the Copa Libertadores — San Luis and Chivas — have had home games delayed by at least a week until venues outside Mexico can be found. San Luis was to have hosted Nacional of Uruguay, and Sao Paulo was to have played at Chivas in the first leg this week.

Away legs in the Latin America club championship are to be played in Uruguay and Brazil. Nacional suggested Houston as a possible venue.

The TV rights holders have not proposed an alternative, but it’s not an idea they suggested to us,” Nacional official Alejandro Balbi said. “With all the doubts there are, we are applying for visas to be ready to play in Houston.”

As of Tuesday, the CONCACAF Champions League match in Cancun on May 12 between Mexican clubs


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